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HANDLING OF CONTAINERS AT PARADEEP PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reversed its earlier proposal to allow Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) to handle containers at Paradeep port;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the position at present; and

(d) the views of Paradeep Port Trust thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) Based on a proposal of Paradip Port Trust (PPT), Government in November, 2003 conveyed 'in principle' approval to permit Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) to undertake container handling operation at Paradip Port. Port after interaction with CONCOR framed outlines of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) proposed to be entered into. However, in view of the apprehensions/likely criticism from existing and potential operations at Indian ports, on the ground that CONCOR being the sole operator for transportation of containers by rail may use this position to divert cargo from one port to another, the matter was reviewed and PPT asked to invite open tenders to set up container handling facilities.